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Company Starts New Year by Meeting Obligations; Economy Did It.

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Receivership Likely to Be More Remote With Better Outlook.

HEDLEY SEEMS HOPEFUL

Satisfied With Results of His Efforts to Make Revenues Cover Bills.

It was an auspicious opening of th new year for Frank Hedley, president and general manager of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company.

While celebrating the day quietly in his home at Riverdale, Mr. Hedley yesterday informed a reporter for THE NEW YORK HERALD that, despite pessimistic predictions to the contrary, the Interborough to-day will meet every penny of its semi-annual interest obligations, amounting to slightly less than \$4.000,000, on its outstanding first and refunding 5 per cent. bonds, payment of which falls due on the first business day of 1922.

Perhaps the most gratifying feature of this achievement from the viewpoint of the Interborough's general manager is that the corporation. which for months has stood on the brink of a possible receivership, is enabled to meet this obligation wholly from its operative revenues, which have been increasing materially under the practice of stringent economies as Mr. Hedley testified recently in the course of his public examination by the Transit Commission. With the exception of current bills for materials and supplies these interest payments were the only heavy obligations

Makes No Prophecies.

While Mr. Hedley made no secret of e satisfaction he felt in thus being able to unhorse the prophets of evil at a critical moment he indulged in no predictions, roseate or otherwise, nor

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PROMISED LIFE AID

Woman Phones to Hospital About Mrs. Elliot.

Mrs. Catherine Elliot, a seamstress

Mrs. Catherine Elliot, a seamstress, who was removed to Believue Hospital Sunday on the verge of starvation, was reported as improving last night, and she will probably be able to leave the hospital within a few days.

No callers came to see the elderly woman yesterday, but a feminine voice called on the telephone, and after listening to a description of Mrs. Elliot declared she remembered her as a seamstress who was formerly in her employ.

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BANGS'S CONDITION GRAVE.

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Bangs, the author, who underwent an operation for intestinal trouble Saturday in the Atlantic City Hospital, was reported last night in a serious condition. He became ill suddenly Saturday morning in his home in Ventner City, a suburb of Atlantic City. His family is in

2,000,000 IN U. S. LEAD SINGLE LIVES AFTER 50

\$4,000,000 TO-DAY Reports to Census Bureau Show 10 Per Cent. of Women Marry Before 20; Half the Men Wait 10 Years Longer-1920 Divorce Data Not Yet Ready.

New York Herald Bureau.

Mashington, D. C., Jan. 2.

Approximately 2,000,000 men and women more than 50 years of age are leading lives of single blessedness, according to reports of the Census Bureau.

Only 100,000, or 5 per cent. of the 2,000,000, will marry, the statistics also reveal.

This revelation is based on census reports of other years, which show the law of averages on marriage, comes from a study of the Census Bureau marriage reports inspired by the existence of a club formed in Chicago to commit its members to matrimony. The club members to matrimony the consists, according to reports, of 425 widows and widowers ranging in age from 64 to 88. All but 5 per cent. of these approximately one per cent. find themselves widowed or divorced within a few months. Men marry much later in life than women. More than 50 per cent. of the sampleves widowed or divorced within a few months. Men marry much later in life than women. More than 50 per cent. of the sampleves widowed or divorced within a few months. Men marry much later in life than women. More than 50 per cent. of these approximately one per cent. find themselves widowed or divorced within a few months. Men marry much later in life than women. More than 50 per cent. of these approximately one per cent. find themselves widowed or divorced within a few months. Men marry much later in life than women. More than 50 per cent. of these approximately one per cent. find themselves widowed or divorced within a few months. Men marry much later in life than women. More than 50 per cent. of the mentry much later in life than women. More than 50 per cent. of the mentry much later in life than women. More than 50 per cent. of the mentry much later in life than women. More than 50 per cent. of the mentry much later in life than women bers. Or of the nation's man preserve their state of

PASTORS APPROVE **CLUB IS BURNED** 'CLEAN PLAY' PLEA

Methodists Back the Rev. H. D. Miller, Who Has Actor Occupy Pulpit.

In urging his flock to go to theaters to see "clean, wholesome plays," and in on theatergoing and dancing misrepresents the spirit of Methodism, the Rev. Harry Dwight Miller, pastor of the Hanseems to have aroused no resentment among the majority of ministers of his denomination in New York city. In fact, most of those whose views were sounded yesterday approved his attitude,

It would appear that should members of the New York conference vote on the matter, the ban would be rescinded. This, however, could be done only by the national body, which has approached the BEDFORD GIRLS GET subject several times but never has of the company falling due at this taken definite action toward removing the prohibition.

Mr. Miller spoke his mind Sunday evening following an address on "Clean Plays" by Harry Davenport, leading actor in "Thank You." Mr. Miller favored cooperation with producers of such plays, and with those who would rid the dance of objectionable features. He ob-

did he care to make any official statement of the earnings and financial position of the road later than that which was made fully a few weeks ago before the Transit Commission.

Mr. Heddey said there were too many uncertain factors directly ahead to warrant at this time any announcement further than the satisfaction he felt in having made good the hope and expectation he had voiced that the company would manage to meet its January 3 obligations. Among the factors are related to gambling in any form.

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TRUCK KILLS 2 SISTERS THEIR NEPHEW UNHURT

Machine Runs Wild and Leaps Onto Sidewalk.

WATERBURY, Conn., Jan. 2 .- Miss Sarah McDonald and Miss Margaret McDonald, sisters, teachers in the local grammar school, died here this after-noon as a result of injuries received

FIRE IN SUBWAY STATION.

operation for intestinal trouble Saturday in the Atlantic City Hospital, was reported last night in a serious condition. He became ill suddenly Saturday morning in his home in Ventror City, a suburb of Atlantic City. His family is in constant attendance.

FRICES realized on Swift & Company sales of carrasa beef in New York City for week ending Saturday, December 31, on shipments sold out, ranged from 10 cents to 13 cents per pound, and averaged 12.87 cents per pound, and averaged 12.87 cents per cound.—Adv.

HOME OF COUNTRY

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Kane said, were valued at between \$8,000 and \$10,000. He could not estimate the loss in paintings and other effects. The firemen were told the total loss would be about \$250,000.

Some of the members thought the fire was started by sparks from one of the chimneys. Acting Chief Carlock thought it started inside the roof and smouldered some time before it was detected.

The clubhouse lay in the Throggs Neck section of The Bronx, between Fort Schuyler and Pelham. The property in-Schuyler and Pelham. The property includes a polo field, upon which visiting British teams have practiced. Among members who were routed by the fire yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holden, Mrs. E. C. Potter, Mrs. George T. Adee, wife of the president; Fred Bull, Mr. and Mrs. John Wolf, Mrs. Eugene Rosenquest, Mr. and Mrs. George Batcheller, Mr. and Mrs. Luigi Solari, Miss Dorothy Lorran, Mrs. Herbert Rawlings, Miss Mary Rawlings, Miss Norma Bidwell and Paul Phelan. Schuyler and Pelham. The property i

THE 'DIET CURE' AGAIN Subjected to Discipline Once

Abandoned.

The practice of isolating women pris oners in Bedford Reformatory in Westchester and placing them on a restricted diet-the "bread and water cure" against which so much outery was mad

Harold Seiber, 10, son of Mrs. Edward Seiber, 411 East Fourteenth street, was playing yeaterday afternoon with sev-eral companions around a bonfire at Fourteenth street and First avenue, when one of his friends threw a can of gasoline into the fire. An explosion blew off the boy's left leg. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

Needle Injects Radium Into Center of Cancer

DEMONSTRATION of the A method of injecting radium by the use of needles was given before a number of the medi-cal profession yesterday by Dr. C. Everett Field at the opening of the new home of the Radium Institute of New York at 323 Riverside Drive. The institute recently moved from its building at 205 West Seventieth street to the larger quarters.

Dr. Field, one of the directors of the institute, injected the radium on a needle about an inch long and resembling one of those used on phonographs, to reach the center of the cancerous growth which is the object of the treatment. It is ned this method prevents much of the radium from being wasted.

How Mercury Fell to

FROM FIRE DANGER New York from 3:30 P. M. yesterday, when the highest for the day was 16, follows: Deg. Deg. Deputy Police Commissioner Above Hour, Zero. P. M. and Merchant Overcome by Smoke in His Home. BUTLER MAKES RESCUES

Valuable Art Collection Is Damaged Considerably by Water and Soot.

Rodman Wanamaker, vice-presiden of the John Wanamaker departmen stores, Special Deputy Police Commi sioner and chairman of the Mayor's mittee on Reception of Distinguish ed Guests, was overcome early yesterday morning by smoke from a fire in the basement of his home, at 69 Wash butler. Ernest Schmidt.

WANAMAKER SAVED

Mr. Wanamaker, who was asleep in second floor room of his residence,

body and that of her adopted daughter were recently found in their home by the Rome police, left the bulk of her large fortune to her three nephews, now under arrest enarged with the murders, says a Rome dispatch to-day. The will left only a small sum to the adopted

daughter.

The arrest of the nephews resulted from testimony of Mme, Cogo's servant The arrest of the nophews resulted from testimony of Mme. Cogo's servant girl, who charged them with stiffing the two women in their beds and then dressing the bodies and placing them in chairs in the dining room, which was then set ablaze. The witness attributed the allaged act of the brothers to the fear that their aunt would leave her fortune to the adopted daughter.

RAILROAD MEN FIGHT FIRE.

Help Volunteers at Harmon When

Hydrants Are Frozen. Employees of the New York Central Railroad prevented a serious fire in the village of Harmon, N. Y., yesterday when the Croton Volunteer Fire Department members found the fire hydranis frozen. The fire, fanned by a terrific gale, burned down a two story garage owned by Henry Heckmann and a store owned by Mrs. Jennie Beale in an adjoining

buttding. Railrond employees connected up hose with the big water main in the Harmon yards of the New York Central and prevented the fire spreading to other buildings. Automobiles were burned with

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SUICIDE ENDS GIRL'S TEST OF LARGE CITY

She Left Good Job Near Pittsburgh to Experiment With Life Here.

Mercy Rogers, 31, daughter of the Rev. George Rogers of Bellevue, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, was found dead

Mr. Wanmaker, who was asleep in a second floor room of his residence, was awkened by the smell of smoke about seven o'clock. When he opened his door he was greeted by a dense cloud of smoke which had boiled uping of his four servants on the fourth floor he rushed upstairs, but collapsed on the tind floor, as well of the fourth floor he rushed upstairs, but collapsed on the tind floor, heard one of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor above. He groped his way to a window which opened upon the roof of the maids ecream on the floor and draged him the theory of the floor and draged him the theory of the floor and draged him the third floor, he had the floor and the proper thanks the floor and the floor

Dr. Hiland Flower, who occupies an apartment on the ground floor of 2406 University avenue, was called in by Miss Stapel when she discovered the body, but it was found the young woman had been dead several hours. Reports from Pittsburgh stated that Miss Rogers had been employed as private secretary to a "Dr. Draper."

Dr. George Draper of 33 East Sixty-eighth street said that he had a faint recollection of the name, but inquiries would have to be referred to his head secretary, Mrs. Boyer, who had charge of the employment of all his office attendants. He said he did not recall Miss Rogers personally, but he had heard the

GALE SWEEPS CITY, **MERCURY 6 ABOVE**

Many Overcome by Cold and Suffering Among the Poor Is General.

130 FIRES ARE RECORDED

Ice Forms Half Across Hudson -Ship Hits Hell Gate

Rocks.

Excessive cold, riding on a sixty-seven mile gale in the wake of a storm it sea, swept down on New York yes-erday and sent the thermometer down of degrees above zero last midnight. to 6 degrees above zero last midnight. The dropping temperature brought suffering to hundreds, some of whom reached the Municipal Lodging House in a condition of collapse, and caused the daily fire record for the city to jump to a total of 130. At Fire Department Headquarters last night it was stated that the figure is a record, closely approximated only for one or two Fourths of July in the days when the use of fireworks was less restricted.

seeking a warm place and something to eat.

The usual meal of bread and coffee was changed to bowls of mutton stew with plenty of bread.

The sudden jump in fires was traceable directly to the drop in temperature. Many of the fires were caused from defective gas heaters and flues, pressed, into extraordinary use by the cold. The wind helped to spread sparks. Half a dozen alarms resulted from breaking of frozen sprinkler system pipes. There were fifty alarms in Manhattan, thirteen in The Bronx, sixtyone in Brooklyn and Queens and six on Staten Island.



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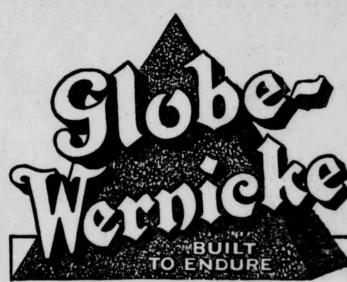
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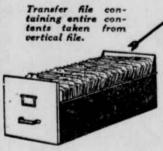
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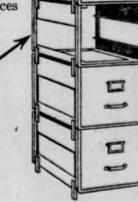


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